

CABLE BY SEPT. 1ST

J. W. Mackay Talks About His Great Line.

(Special to the Advertiser.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—If cable makers keep their contracts and the Pacific Ocean allows the laying of the giant wire on its bottom, Hawaii will have a cable ready for use between Honolulu and San Francisco on the first day of September, next year. John W. Mackay says so.

Mackay is the associate of Bennett in the ownership of Atlantic cables, and is, of course, known to all Hawaiians as the multimillionaire owner of San Francisco. He lives most of his time now in the East, but arrived here on November 19, to spend two months on the Coast. He is living at the Palace Hotel, and chatted there freely as to the cable project.

"The Commercial Pacific Cable Company, which will own the cable to Hawaii has nothing more to do now," said Mr. Mackay, "until the cable is ready for use. We have let a contract to Gray's Silvertown Works, near London, England, for the manufacture of the first section of this trans-Pacific cable. The price, which is \$600,000 sterling, or about \$2,000,000, includes the entire work of making the cable, laying it, and building the landing stations. The first section will be 2,300 miles long. The distance in a direct line from point to point is but 2,150 miles, but 120 miles are allowed for the slack. The Silvertown Works will have to hustle hard to keep its contract, as it will take about two and a half months to bring the cable around Cape Horn, and they have only about ten months to do all the work."

"As soon as we have finished the laying of this section to Honolulu, we will then go straight ahead for Manila, and hope to have our cable in the Philippines within two years and a half. The distance will be 8,600 miles. I suppose that San Francisco will be the landing cable station for the East, and that the possession of a cable by Hawaii will be the strongest factor yet in its commercial upbuilding. We have gotten no subsidy, nor sought any, and are spending all the money ourselves for the work. Of course, we make certain conditions to the government, such as giving precedence to government messages, and charging half the ordinary rates for government messages. In case of war, the United States government will have entire control of this cable."

The fact that the contract for the cable to Hawaii has been actually let is a matter of sincere rejoicing among the merchants of the Pacific Coast. Undoubtedly it will mean millions to the islands in the next few years. It will mean that the islands will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and probably in the principal European centers. All efforts hitherto to have these stocks listed in the East have come to naught on account of the objection that Hawaii, being without cable connection, there was no possibility of eastern investors dealing heavily in them. The big speculator and investor wants to have his hand always on the market's pulse, and to know at any hour what the stocks he holds are worth in their homes, and what the physical condition of the property is.

With a cable, it is safe to predict that there will be an intense interest in Hawaiian stocks that will aid the islands immensely, and assure the large capital needed for the enlarging and improving of the plantations.

The United States government will undoubtedly make Honolulu a rendezvous for the ships of the navy and the transports of the army. With cable facilities Honolulu will become a place for merchant ships from Europe and Australia to stop at for orders as to where to land their cargoes or to seek others.

A leading hotel man here, speaking on the influence of a cable to Hawaii in the tourist business to the islands, said: "The hotels of Hawaii will not be able to take the visitors to the islands who will flock there after the cable is in working order. I feel confident that within five years at least three large, new hotels will be needed to hold the thousands who will make Honolulu their winter home. The magnificent climate of the islands, the attractions of tropical foliage, and the finest sea-bathing in the world, will combine to make Honolulu a paradise for tourists, and a mint for bonifaces if the cable is once there."

As manager of one of the biggest hotels in San Francisco, I am constantly asked by eastern and European about the accommodations, and the points of interest in Hawaii, but many times even when the parties have been made up to go for a protracted stay in the islands, plans have been altered when they have found out that there was no telegraphic communication with the Mainland. It is curious how many people do not know that there is no cable to Hawaii, and how surprised they are to be told of this fact. Invalids who would seek the delights of the islands, hesitate now because of being cut off from their friends, and business men who would like nothing better than a flying trip to the Paradise of the Pacific, do not go, simply on this account."

The Advertiser's correspondent was talking a day ago with one of the best known excursion agents in San Francisco. He was much interested in the cable project, as he believes it will greatly aid his business.

"I think that within a few years," said he, "there will be cut-rate excursions to Hawaii, which will allow one to go down from San Francisco, spend ten or eleven days in the islands, and return here, after an absence of only three weeks. With the big new ships which will plow the Pacific in the next couple of years, we will have fast passages and superior accommodations for passengers. I think that steamship rates will be greatly reduced, and that by 1905 there will be a popular rate of from \$75 to \$100 the round trip. The steamship companies will be able to make these rates by carrying thousands of passengers where they now carry hundreds, and by running vessels of 10,000 and 12,000 tons. Instead of ships of half that tonnage. There will be excursions run from the East to Hawaii on a time limit for the round

FENIAN LEADERS PLOT TO SEIZE YUKON GOLD COUNTRY

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 29.—According to persons who have recently arrived in this city from the north, says the Times of this city, the story of a conspiracy being hatched at Skagway for the overthrow of Canadian rule in the Yukon territory has every substance of foundation. The news was given first in the Sunday Call, being sent from Skagway under date of November 6. According to reliable information that today reached the Times, Inspector Corrigan did arrive at Skagway from White Horse on the evening of the 5th and held a consultation with the United States officers in Skagway. It is generally accepted as a fact that some mischief was brewing, and it is attributed to the machinations of a Fenian center, with its local headquarters in Skagway, but in direct affiliation with the head centers of New York and Chicago.

The leaders of this local center are very well known to the authorities, and have been watched for some time in connection with their workings among the local populace and their communication with the head centers. The Times says in this regard:

"The exceedingly mean and hostile spirit which prevails in Skagway toward everything Canadian and British is said to be largely due to the plotting of this local center. Recent insults to the British flag, culminating in the actual tearing it down by the mob on one occasion, as well as certain well carried out plots to bring Canadian officials into disgrace, are all traceable to the same game."

Information of the Times was positively that the report is thoroughly reliable, and that Canada now and always stands in need of great alertness and preparation. The Times continues:

"In the event of any move being made by these Skagway Fenians against Dawson, or Canadian rule in the north, a force of more than 4,000 men could be landed on the scene within a few days. In such an emergency the vessels of the fleet on this station, which carry more than 1,000 men, could be immediately dispatched. These are heavily armed and could carry a plentiful supply of artillery with them."

trip of from four to six weeks, and with a rate that will be very attractive. Hawaii has not begun yet to realize its possibilities as a resort."

FREDERICK O'BRIEN.

THE EXAMINER'S STORY.

John W. Mackay is authority for the statement that the contract for the first section of the cable between the United States, the Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines has been let. He arrived last evening and is at the Palace Hotel, with the intention of spending about two months on the Coast. He spent the evening chatting with John Rosenfeld, Richard Dey, Edmond Gold-chaux, and later discussed the gigantic project that has just been launched by him and his associates. Mr. Mackay said:

"There are three big cable manufacturing concerns in the world—the Construction Company, Gray's Silvertown Works near London, and Siemens Brothers' plant. The contract for the first section of the trans-Pacific cable has been let to the second of these firms, and the price is \$600,000 sterling, or about \$2,000,000. The contracting company has the entire work to do, of providing the landing stations and laying the cable. This first section will be 2,300 miles long, including the slack, or about 2,150 miles in a direct line from point to point. The work will have to be turned out rapidly, as it will take seventy-five days to bring the cable round the Horn, and it is to be in place ready for use on September 1, 1902. We are then going straight ahead for Manila as fast as possible, a distance of 8,600 miles. This second portion will, we hope, be finished in from two to two and a half years' time."

"The Commercial Pacific Cable has nothing more to do with the contract until the work is finished. Estimates were called for some time ago, and there was to have been a meeting in London on November 11th, but it takes some time to make up estimates, and so the contract has only just been signed."

"Cables are a great necessity to the commerce of the world. I want San Francisco to be the cable station for the East. This is where the station ought to be. This is the place for it."

Mr. Mackay was asked about the opposition to his plans for the cable. He said that about two years ago there was opposition from a company seeking a subsidy.

"This cable will be between points in the United States, and the attorney general holds that under the act of 1866 no permission to land is needed between points on our own ground. There are certain concessions that must be made, as, for instance, giving precedence to government messages and charging half the regular rates, while in case of war the government takes control entirely. Our company seeks no subsidy at all, and the contract is let for all the work needed to establish the service between here and the Hawaiian Islands."

Telegraph Notes.

Chamberlain is hotly denounced in Germany.

Italy's biggest sugar refinery has been burned.

There are 800 cases of bubonic plague in and near Cape Town.

Shirichino Kurino is the new Japanese minister to Russia.

Soldiers may chase Miss Stone's abductors, as the Americans are tired of parleying.

The Realty Syndicate contemplates building a \$2,000,000 electric road from Haywards to San Jose.

Twelve thousand dollars in old Spanish coins were found buried in a reef off the island of Jamaica by turtle hunters.

Printing press manufacturers are negotiating for a consolidation of their interests with a combined capital of \$20,000,000.

If the President should decide in favor of Kerens, in a Missouri political fight, Secretary Hitchcock may withdraw from the Cabinet.

The steel suspenders of the Brooklyn bridge have again buckled badly, and stiffening rods also show an appreciable bulge in places. The trouble is thought to be due from the strain caused by the sudden stoppage of trains.

"In addition to the men of the ships, there are 500 men of the royal garrison artillery, royal engineers, army ordnance corps and army medical corps stationed at Work Point barracks in this city. These could be moved at almost a moment's notice. The Fifth Regiment C. A. (Infantry) of this city and the Sixth Battalion (rifles) of Vancouver, each numbering about 200 men, could be dispatched in a few days' time, swelling the expeditionary force, including the Rocky Mountain Rangers of Nelson, Kamloops, Rossland and Revelstoke, up to nearly 4,000 men, all armed with the latest and most modern rifles and armament."

"The force could be thrown into White Horse in a few days, and the march from that point, while exacting enough, would present no insurmountable difficulties. In fact, it would be very similar to the rebellion of 1885, the last outbreak under Louis Riel in the Northwest Territory."

"The Northwest Mounted Police in the territories could also be brought over in a few days to the coast to assist in the work."

THE FACTS ARE KNOWN AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Nov. 22.—The story of the Yukon plot, based upon official reports to the Minister of the Interior, follows:

"About three weeks ago the police at Dawson, under the direction of Superintendent Woods, shadowed a man whom they believed to be a suspicious character. The police got into this man's confidence, and he finally disclosed a plot which he said had been formed by people in Skagway and Seattle. The idea was to rush the posts in the lower part of the Yukon and then take possession of the country. The conspirators reckoned upon the American citizens in the Yukon not assisting the Canadian authorities, so that the plot, in their opinion, would be comparatively an easy matter."

"News of the plot was quickly sent from Dawson to White Horse, and the police there soon had under surveillance all suspicious persons. The headquarters of the conspiracy was located in Skagway, and it was ascertained that the men associated with it were all where the papers bearing upon the plot were kept. There was nothing, however, to show any overt act of treason to the United States or Canada; consequently the authorities could not take any proceedings. Canadian officers went down to Skagway, nevertheless, and consulted with United States officers, and concerted action was agreed upon in case of necessity. In the meantime the persons connected with the plot are closely watched."

MARLBOROUGH HAS SOCIAL AMBITION

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A cablegram to the World from London says: The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough intend to pass the early winter at Blenheim. They come to London frequently, and the Duchess entertains at the Carlton, as they have no London house. The new Marlborough mansion in Mayfair is perceptibly rising from the ground. The great feature of its interior will be the marble hall, with a staircase winding around it, a free adaptation of the famous marble staircase in the Barberini palace at Rome. The furniture and decorations will be of the seventeenth and eighteenth century French styles. The Duke is greatly occupied just now acquiring the objects which he requires. The house will be only three stories high. It will contain a vast ballroom, as the Duke fully intends to become the social leader of the Tory party.

The Duke was thirty years of age last Wednesday. A family party assembled at Blenheim to celebrate his birthday. He was born in India, which fact is held to account in some degree for his delicate constitution. The Duchess presented to him a beautiful genuine French eighteenth century marquetry writing bureau for his study in the new house.

WIRELESS TO BE IMPROVED

Fred J. Cross, manager of the Inter-Island Telegraph Company, operating the wireless system between Oahu and Hawaii, returned yesterday from a two months' business trip to the east, almost wholly in the interest of the wireless system here. While in New York he had an opportunity to observe the workings of the Marconi system operating between the shore and steamships at sea, and saw messages perfectly transmitted over an intervening sea space of 200 miles. His return to Honolulu means that many decided improvements will be made in the system already established between the islands, with a view to giving perfect and constant transmission.

"I cannot state just now what the improvements are," said Mr. Cross last evening, "but I have been east, where I was in position to see the best that there is in wireless transmission of messages, and many of these I have acquired a right to install in the Hawaiian system."

"As soon as I have a report of the condition of our system I will be in a position to know just what we will do to improving the service. There may be some very radical changes made, and I can safely say that everything will tend to make the transmission of messages certain. My trip east was taken almost wholly in the interest of wireless telegraphy. It is working satisfactorily every place I saw it installed."

Albatross to Visit Hawaii.

The Fish Commission steamer Albatross, now in the stream, is to go to Mare Island to remain during December, and immediately after the holidays will sail for Honolulu to engage in scientific work for several months in the Hawaiian group. Five scientists from Washington and other cities will sail in the Albatross.—San Francisco Chronicle, November 22.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—In the experiments in electric traction on the Prussian military line, says the Berlin correspondent of the London Times and New York Times, a speed of ninety-nine and a half miles an hour has been attained, the force employed being 10,000 volts. It is said that if the lines were strengthened this rate of speed would be quite practicable.

HONOLULU'S COMING FORTS

The Chronicle says: A board of army officers appointed to examine and report on sites for fortifications for the protection of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor returned from a visit to the island port on the steamer Alameda yesterday. The board was composed of Major General Young, Major General S. A. B. Davis, of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A.; Major Berkhimer, inspector of artillery on General Young's staff, and Captain Slater, the commander of the battalion of artillery stationed in Hawaii. The board has completed its work, and its report is on the way to Washington. It is said it recommended eight sites for defensive guns at points extending from Koko Head to the southeast of Honolulu, to a point beyond Pearl Harbor. The guns to be recommended are, it is thought, heavy caliber long-range rifles wherever elevations are practicable, and smaller rapid-fire guns in positions close to the sea level.

"We spent considerable time examining the most advantageous sites," said Colonel Davis, "and we have recommended several that we believe well suited for the purpose of defense. All of the sites are on private property, and if acceptable to the War Department, they will have to be purchased. I presume that the matter will be brought up at the coming session of Congress and funds for the purchase of the property made available. Some of the sites may have to be acquired by condemnation proceedings, and that takes a long time. It will consequently be impossible to even guess when the proposed work will be commenced or completed."

BULKHEAD FOR OCEANIC WHARF

The Oceanic wharf will be the first to be freed of rats by the crusade of the Chamber of Commerce conducted under the supervision of Maxton Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works. The work of bulkheading the big dock will begin Wednesday immediately upon the departure of the Alameda for San Francisco.

This action was decided upon at a meeting held yesterday morning by the Chamber of Commerce committee and Superintendent Campbell. Mr. Campbell submitted his plan for bulkheading the wharf and it was decided to make the test upon the Oceanic dock first. It is expected to have the task completed before the arrival of the Sierra on December 11th. There will be no delay once the work is started Monday and a big force will be put on to rush the job to completion. Mr. Campbell will personally superintend and if the rats can be safely bottled up and destroyed with sulphur fumes in the Oceanic wharf the same operation will be carried out on every other government dock.

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Hawaii Wants Filipino Labor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—A cable to the Sun from Manila says: Agents of Hawaiian planters are here to investigate the feasibility of importing Filipino laborers from the Visayas. Such a project seems at present to be undesirable owing to the general scarcity of unskilled agriculturists. In Negros alone last year 4,000 were employed from the island of Panay, while growers in Camarines, in Leyte and in Luzon complain that they are unable to work their present crops through want of labor.

The license on prize fight clubs in San Francisco may be raised from \$1,200 to \$5,000 a year.

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